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Steamer Silvia Runs Hard and Fast on Reef

Similarity in Fog Signals Cause of Accident—Passengers Taken Off by Revenue Cutter—Vessel in No Immediate Danger.

Woodhole, Mass., March 14.—The Red Cross Line steamer Silvia, from New York for Halifax and St. Johns, N. F., which struck on the rocks and pigs reef at the entrance to Vineyard Sound early today remained hard and fast on the reef tonight. Her passengers, who were taken off by the revenue cutter Mohawk, were carried to New Bedford where they remained tonight awaiting arrangements which are to be made by the steamship company for forwarding them to their destination.

Efforts will be made tomorrow to remove the Silvia from her dangerous position. Tonight the sea was smooth and the weather clear and the vessel was apparently in no immediate danger of going to pieces. Her captain and her crew remained on board.

Among the passengers on the Silvia were the crews of two wrecked vessels, the steamer Beta and the British schooner Marjorie J. Sumner, which were wrecked in West Indian waters not long ago. These crews were on the way from New York to their homes in the provinces.

A similarity between the fog signal on the new Hen and Chickens lightship and that on the Vineyard sound lightship is said to have been the cause of the grounding of the Silvia.

At the time of the accident there was a thick fog.

NEVER TASTED WHISKY

John D. Rockefeller Gives His View on Prohibition.

Augusta, Ga., March 14.—I am an old man, but I am glad to say that I never touched whisky. John D. Rockefeller made this statement to a representative of the Augusta Herald today. He talked freely on prohibition. He regards it as a good thing to keep liquor away from the negroes and lower classes of whites.

"I know there are many problems to be considered in connection with this great question, but in the end I think it will be best for the state," indicating his views with reference to the present situation in Georgia. "It uplifts the people, strengthens them, teaches them to save. It is best," he said.

Mr. Rockefeller believes that the prohibition sentiment is growing not only in this country but in England as well. It is his belief that the wave of anti-liquor sentiment is steadily gaining ground throughout the United States.

SUSTAINS ATTORNEY GENERAL

Supreme Court Renders Opinion in Dispensary Fund Case

Columbia, S. C., March 14.—The supreme court of South Carolina today handed down an opinion by Mr. Justice Woods, in which Attorney J. Frazer Lyn is sustained in his contention for the \$15,000 appropriated by the last general assembly for the prosecution of the alleged dispensary grafters. This matter was upset when Judge Pritchard in the federal court assumed jurisdiction of the dispensary fund, amounting to \$800,000.

The case was a friendly suit and brought by the attorney general against the members of the winding up commission, being in the nature of a writ of mandamus, compelling the commission to turn over to the attorney general the \$15,000 set apart for the prosecutions.

The opinion is regarded as a victory for Attorney General Lyn.

Buffalo, N. Y., March 14.—William J. Connors, chairman of the state democratic committee, spent several hours in the lobby of the hotel. Iroquois tonight talking to democratic leaders of Erie county.

Informed that headquarters for Governor Johnson would be opened in New York, Mr. Connors said:

"I found considerable sentiment for Governor Johnson in the East. I am of the opinion that either Johnson or Harmon would make a stronger run in New York state than Mr. Bryan.

"It is almost certain that New York states delegation will go to the Denver convention without instructions. They likely will vote under the unit rule. But whoever gets the nomination New York will give the conventions choice its hearty support. There will be no bolters."

WAS ON THE ALABAMA

Frederick W. Foster is Dead in Atchison, Kansas

Atchison, Kan., March 14.—Frederick W. Foster, machinist and gunner on the Confederate cruiser Alabama, during the civil war, and one of the forty men who escaped when that vessel was sunk by the United States cruiser Kearsarge, died today. Foster kept his connection with the Alabama's career a secret until less than a year ago.

When shopping visit the Bijou.

Iowa Man Lusses \$37,500 in New Orleans

Fake Wrestling Match Means Used to Separate Him from His Money

New Orleans, La., 14.—J. A. Kavanaugh, a wealthy lumber man of Davenport, Iowa, reported to the police here today that he had been fleeced out of \$37,500 by a party of men in New Orleans who posed as representatives of prominent sporting clubs.

Kavanaugh says he was fleeced through the means of a pre-arranged wrestling match. The New Orleans crowd had a man whom they claimed could beat the world but "a friend" of Kavanaugh said he knew they throw the local man.

The wrestler from Seattle developed a "hemorrhage" during the bout and a "doctor" who examined him said he was dying. Everybody clamored, including Kavanaugh, the latter going to Memphis, Tenn. Not seeing any account of the affair in the newspapers, Kavanaugh came back to New Orleans and laid his case before the police. The police say the hemorrhage was worked by the Seattle wrestler who went on the mat with a bag of red of red liquid between his teeth and which was bitten through at the proper time.

STRUGGLE TOO HARD

Deposed Pastor Admits That He Has Made a Mistake

San Francisco, March 14.—Jere K. Cooke, deposed pastor of the Episcopal church at Hempstead, L. I., who eloped with Floretta White, about a year ago, and who, it is said, telegraphed yesterday to Mrs. Kenzie Whiteley, the girl's grandmother for help and that he and family were ill and destitute, was located in this city last night. The couple were found living in a suite of rooms on Masonic avenue, well, to all appearances, and with comfortable surroundings.

In an interview the former rector admitted that he had telegraphed for help and admitted that the struggle of life had been too much for him and that he had made a failure of everything.

"We are different from others," said Cooke. "We cannot ask friends to help us, because we threw aside friends. We laughed at the world one day and the world will laugh at us. Later, I have begun to realize that no man, however strong he may be or however great may be his incentive, can buck against the world. It is older than us and stronger.

"It is not a matter of material comfort; it is the knowledge that one is an outcast. It is the understanding that to the kind-hearted you are an object of charitable curiosity and to the others just a simple cad. These are things which no man can fight and I am just tired."

Cooke has some friends who say that if he is in want there will be no trouble about his getting everything he needs.

PROCEEDINGS IN HOUSE

Members Engage in General Debate on Various Subjects

Washington, March 14.—Once again members of the house of representatives were today afforded an opportunity under license of general debate, to express their views on topics of the day. Among other subjects politics, the recent financial panic, the tariff and the Sherman anti-trust law, all came in for discussion in one form or another while the pension appropriation bill technically was under consideration. No time has been agreed upon when general debate shall conclude.

The speakers today were Mr. Bannan, of Ohio, who talked of the prosperity of that state and incidentally counted it as surely republican next November; Mr. Hamlin, of Missouri, who placed on the shoulders of the republicans the responsibility for the recent panic; Mr. Carter, of Oklahoma who pleaded for the removal of the restrictions affecting Indian lands in that state; Mr. Langley, of Kentucky, who wanted pensions granted certain persons in Kentucky, who aided in suppressing the rebellion; Mr. Hughes of New Jersey, who desired the Sherman anti-trust law amended so as to work less hardship on labor organizations and Mr. Hall, of South Dakota, who argued for a repeal of duty on lumber.

Washington, March 14.—In the report of the speech yesterday of Senator Simmons of North Carolina, Mr. Simmons was made to say that there were in the whole world but 21 steamships of the first class, as ships of this class are defined in the act of 1891, and that every one of them was owned by the Canadian Pacific railroad.

The statement made by Senator Simmons was that all of these steamships, except two owned by the Canadian Pacific railroad and running between Canada and Europe, sail from New York to the ports of Northern Europe. He impressed upon the senate that not one of them enters or clears from any other port in this country except New York.

Slaver of Priest Uses Razor in Effort

Slashes the Neck of a "Trusty"—Supposed to Have Been Furnished the Weapon by a Confederate

Denver, Colo., March 14.—An attempt was made today by Giuseppe Alia, confessed murderer of Father Leo Heinrichs, to escape from the jail, where he was under heavy guard day and night. He had a razor blade with which he slashed the neck of a "trusty," who was cleaning his cell and made a rush to get away. The "trusty" despite his cut, rushed after Alia and pinioned him and he was quickly overpowered with the help of Deputy warden Garpen. The trusty has a wound two and a half inches long in his neck, but as the jugular vein is not severed he will recover. When returned to the jail after his conviction on Thursday Alia was stripped of everything and a complete new outfit was given him except his socks. These were turned inside out, examined and returned to him. Alia was then placed in a cell for the condemned and supplied with new webbing.

This cell had been occupied by an Italian named Brunetti, who accompanied Alia from Denver to New York and has been held since the assassination of Father Leo as a suspect and possible witness. After Alia's conviction Brunetti was removed to another part of the building and the cell he then occupied was then made ready for the condemned man. Brunetti was released from jail last night and as he passed the condemned man's cell he spoke to the condemned man in Italian. It is surmised Brunetti may have left the razor concealed in the bowl of the water closet in the cell and told Alia where to look for it when he passed out at night.

Michael Brunetti this afternoon denied positively that he had any knowledge of how Alia obtained the razor. Sheriff Alexander Nisbit and the police, however, are convinced by this incident that Alia has confederates and that they belong to an organization.

Baron Gustavo Tosti, Italian consul today said that Alia's hopelessness attempt to escape from jail confirmed the belief that the man was insane. He added:

"I have no intention of appealing to the Italian government or trying to make this an international affair. It is purely a local case. Alia is here, his deed was committed in this country and he must be dealt with under the law of Colorado. I have formed no plan for attempting to procure his release, even though I am convinced that he should in an asylum."

TWO KILLED IN WRECK

Engine and Cars Plunge from Trestle into the River

Bristow, Okla., March 14.—Two persons were killed, one was probably fatally hurt, seven were severely injured, and scores of lives were imperiled today when a St. Louis and San Francisco passenger train north-bound was wrecked on a high trestle over Spring creek, eight miles west of Bristow.

The locomotive, the baggage and the mail cars and the first coach plunged 40-feet into the river. An iron bolt upon the track is believed to have caused the wreck.

Engineer Martin went down with his engine, which was struck by the other cars as they fell.

Frank Gipson, who was beating his way, was pinned beneath the baggage car and the tender. Special Agent Thompson of Sapaulpa, is investigating the cause of the wreck. A party of boys playing in the vicinity of the wreck may have placed a bolt nail upon the track.

LABOR UNIONS CLASH

Forty or More Shots Fired and One Man Wounded in Street Riot

New York, N. Y., March 14.—Forty or more shots were fired and one man was wounded in a street riot late today between the members of two rival teamsters' unions.

The disorder was the climax of ill-feeling between the United Teamsters Association and the International Brotherhood of Teamsters precipitated by the discharge of United Teamsters and the substitution of teamsters from the International Union by a eastside truckman. A crowd of about seventy-five members of each organization gathered on Front street and in clash shots were fired by both sides and clubs and stones thrown. Joseph Forkey, a teamster, was struck in the leg by a bullet. The police reserves were called and the trouble quelled after three arrests were made.

EXPLOSION WRECKED BUILDING

Six Persons Believed to be Buried in the Ruins

Natchez, Miss., March 14.—A gas explosion in the basement of the Natchez Drug Company, a five-story building today blew out a rear wall, crushing the adjoining brick tenement building and burying five persons in the ruins. John Carlett, 71 years old, a retired undertaker, was caught by falling walls and both legs were broken. He may die.

Lilley Takes Issue With Chairman Boutell

Will Prove That Electric Boat Company Had Contributed to Campaign Funds of Both Parties—Witnesses Summoned for Monday

Washington, March 14.—The special committee appointed by Speaker Cannon to investigate the charges made by Representative Lilley of Connecticut concerning alleged efforts to influence legislation by Electric Boat Co., has summoned a number of witnesses to appear before it Monday morning when the investigation will be resumed. Subpoenas were issued today for Marion Butler, former senator from North Carolina; C. E. Creecy, E. W. Creecy, F. P. B. Sands, and Dr. W. R. Kerr, all of this city; Frank L. Edinborough, Bay City, Michigan, and W. D. Gordon Midland, Mich.

The subpoenas duces tecum which were sent to the committee by Mr. Lilley for President Rice and other officials of the Electric Boat Company have not yet been served.

The name of former Senator Butler of North Carolina was not in the list of witnesses handed the committee by Mr. Lilley. Mr. Butler's name, however, had been mentioned by Mr. Lilley before the committee on rules and that gentleman wrote Chairman Boutell, requesting that he be heard. The committee granted his request. Replying to Chairman Boutell's statement published today that Mr. Lilley had retracted before special committee charges which he had made before the rules committee concerning members of the house, Mr. Lilley says:

"Mr. Boutell says I told the committee on rules that I expected to prove that large sums of money were contributed to the campaign funds of political parties in congressional districts, but that before the investigating committee I said that I did not charge corruption of any member of the house.

"Now it is well known that contributions to campaign funds heretofore have been the common practice and are not legally corrupt. I do expect to prove if the committee will give my attorneys an opportunity to do so, that the Electric Boat Company, through its agents, has contributed to campaign funds of both parties."

NEWS ITEMS FROM RALEIGH

Governor Commutes Death Sentence. Prohibition Sentiment in Rural Districts—Charter Granted Red Springs Company.

Messenger Bureau

Raleigh, March 15.

Governor Glenn commutes to life imprisonment the death sentence of Robert McDowell, convicted of murder in McDowell county, and Major Guthrie convicted of murder in Durham county, both men being colored. McDowell having very little intellect and the evidence against Guthrie being entirely circumstantial and the character of some of the state's witnesses very bad.

From what can be picked up it seems that the anti-saloon league will have to do a good deal of work in the rural districts of many of the counties in order to carry them properly, and that this will certainly be the case in this county.

The commissioner of insurance revokes the charter and license of the Progressive Building and Loan Association of Goldsboro, it being a small affair and the amount and character of its business not enough to justify continuance.

The Ohio German Fire Insurance Company of Toledo has filed application for admission to this state, M. A. Sheward, of New Orleans, being its representative here.

A charter is granted the Red Springs Real Estate and Improvement Co., capital stock \$30,000, Robert A. McEachern and others being the stockholders.

The Seaboard Air Line Railway today, through Passenger Agent Chas. H. Gattis, notified Governor Glenn that on April 1st it would put into effect the new rates, 2 1/2 cents per mile in the state and that on that date or as soon thereafter as possible, would prepare the interstate tariff showing rates of 2 1/2 cents per mile which will apply between all points south of the Ohio and Potomac rivers. He also notified the governor that on that date his company would make effective a two thousand mile book, interchangeable good over practically all the important case in the south for \$40, good for five members of a firm or corporation but to be used by only one at a time.

THE FOWLER BILL

Mr. Burton Submits Minority Report on the Measure

Washington, March 14.—Representative Burton, of Ohio, today submitted to the house his minority report as a member of the banking and currency committee dissenting from the majority report when recommended the passage of the Fowler currency bill. Mr. Burton's report concerns itself wholly with the Fowler bill and his reasons for opposing it, and makes no reference to either the Aldrich bill or the Williams bill.

In his report Mr. Burton says that he does not regard the passage of the Fowler bill as either practicable or desirable at this time.

Five Tobacco Barns Burned by the Band

Cut Telephone Wires to Prevent Interruption—Property Loss Not Known—The Governor Much Disturbed Over the Outrages

Versailles, Ky., March 14.—Three barns in Woodford county and one just across the line in Scott, were burned early today by masked men. The men were on horseback and in buggies, the party numbering not more than fifty. A number of shots were fired, but as far as known nobody was hurt. The barns destroyed were the property of George Strange, on the Harris estate, near Midway; Hardin Rogers, on the Tucker place, in Scott county; Capt. James Williams, former owner of the race horse Ram's Horn, at Spring Station; George Graddy, on the Field turnpike.

The men came from the direction of Scott county. They cut all telephone wires and the amount of damage done is not yet known. Governor Willson and a party of legislators were returning from Lexington to Frankfort on a trolley car and passed the "night riders" without knowing it near McKees Cross Roads.

Lexington, Ky., March 14.—The "night riders" also set fire to the barn of Mrs. Elizabeth Pepper early today. No tobacco was destroyed, the crops having been sold out. Preparations were being made for another crop and that fact is supposed to have led to the fire. The men fired their revolvers and traveled rapidly.

Sheriff John B. Wynne was notified and started in pursuit, but as both he and Graddy, who accompanied him were considerably behind the "riders," they were unable to ascertain more than the route they took in leaving.

Mr. Graddy's loss will total about \$2,000. The barn burned on the Pepper place was worth about \$1,500. Rewards were offered for the arrest and conviction of the "night riders," and any and all persons connected therewith at a meeting of the law and order league at Versailles today. The rewards are as follows:

\$250 for anyone burning tobacco barns; \$250 for any one participating in night riding; \$125 for any one scraping or salting tobacco beds; \$125 for any one maiming or killing horses or cattle; \$125 for posting or sending threatening letters.

Claude Williams, president of the Woodford county branch of the Society of Equity, offered similar rewards and the two organizations together will pay the rewards up to \$10,000.

Governor Willson said today that he would do everything possible to locate and capture the riders. He said he was told that if the Creel tobacco bill was passed night riding would probably stop. He declared that if the passes after the riders need help they would get it. He said that his office had not been at rest for a minute since the night riding began, and the activity will continue.

FOR PROHIBITION

List of Speakers Given Out by Chairman Oates

(Special to The Messenger.)

Raleigh, N. C., March 14.—State Chairman Oates of the anti-saloon league, gives out a list of 200 speakers for the campaign, among these being Governor Glenn, Judge Pritchard, ex-Governors Jarvis and Aycock, C. A. Webb, Whitehead Klutz, W. L. Poteat, N. B. Broughton, J. W. Bailey, W. N. Jones, J. A. Brown, C. R. Hoey, Heriot Clarkson, Locke Craig, W. W. Kitchin, V. S. Tusk, J. A. Stikeleather, A. M. Seales, Rev. Dr. J. L. White, Settle Dockery, W. S. O'Brien, Robinson, Henry A. London, Rev. Dr. John C. Kilgo, Mayor Hood of Goldsboro; Congressman R. N. Page, Congressman W. T. Crawford, F. A. Daniels, Senator F. M. Simmons, Henry C. Dockery, Rev. Dr. T. Vann, J. C. Carlyle, F. P. Hobgood, L. M. Meekins, W. F. Carter, E. T. Cansler, F. M. Shannonhouse, J. D. McCall, Charles W. Tillett, W. C. Dowd, F. R. McNinch and Cameron Morrison.

Chairman Oates announced that Judge Pritchard's appointments are as follows: Wilmington, March 14th; Durham, 15; Salisbury 21; Marshall, 28th. The appointments of Governor Glenn so far are: High Point, March 16th; Oxford 25th; Selma 29th; Trenton and Dover 30th; Vanceboro 31st.

Fuquay Springs, April 4th; Old Fort and Marion 5th; Rutherfordton and Caroleen Mills 6th; Shelby 7th; Lincolnton 8th; Star school house and Hickory 10th; Franklin 12th; Louisville 13th; Richland 19th; Jacksonville 20th; Warsaw 21st; Clinton 22nd; Cornelius 25th; Windsor 27th; Asheville 28th; Spring Hope 29th; Robersonville May 1st.

COULDN'T SELL OUTPUT

Woolen Mills at Greenville, S. C., Closes Down Indefinitely

Greenville, S. C., March 14.—The McGee Woolen mills of this place, today shut down for an indefinite period, inability to dispose of the mill's output was the cause of this action. The Huguenot Mills will close down on Wednesday for an indefinite period also. Several hundred people have been thrown out of work.

New Pictures Every Day—Bijou.

Opening Speech in Favor of Prohibition

BY JUDGE PRITCHARD

Delivered Before Large Audience Last Night

Academy of Music Was Filled With Large Gathering of Ladies and Gentlemen Who Gave Close Attention to the Strong Words of the Distinguished Jurist, His Remarks Having Frequently Brought Forth Great Applause—Judge Pritchard Was Introduced by Iredell Meares Esq.

A large and representative audience of ladies and gentlemen greeted the distinguished jurist and he was given close attention throughout his address, his remarks having frequently brought forth hearty applause. Judge Pritchard stated at the outset that this was his first speech in the prohibition campaign and as he wanted his position definitely understood, he would read his speech from manuscript, which he did, his remarks, however, availing little none of their effectiveness or force by reason of this.

On the stage with the speaker were seated Mr. H. E. Fennell, president of the local anti-saloon league and Messrs. W. M. Cumming and W. H. Sprunt, officers in that organization; also Rev. T. A. Smoot, pastor of Grace M. E. church; Rev. A. D. McClure, pastor of St. Andrews Presbyterian church; Rev. T. P. Noe, rector of the Church of the Good Shepherd; Rev. F. D. Hale, D. D., pastor of the First Baptist church, and Rev. J. S. Crowley, pastor of Immanuel Presbyterian church; also Messrs. R. W. Herring, D. L. Gore and several other gentlemen.

President Fennell, in calling the meeting to order, expressed his gratification at the large attendance and he stated that from time to time during the campaign other meetings would be held at which addresses would be made by prominent men, the public being extended a cordial welcome to attend all of these meetings.

The Lord's Prayer was then recited in unison by the audience, after which Rev. Noe made a profound and eloquent appeal in prayer for the success of effort for the spiritualizing of the city's life and that there may be a real and splendid triumph of the principles of right and truth.

The speech of introduction was then delivered by Iredell Meares, Esq., of the local bar. He was exceedingly gracious and complimentary in his references to the speaker of the evening and following a short sketch of the latter's life said that it should be an inspiration to every man who wishes to rise above the level; that from early struggle he had risen to a life of achievement and position. In his duty Mr. Meares said Judge Pritchard was courageous, impartial and resolute and that his life was marked by superior ability, character and energy. The lesson to be learned, was he said in conclusion, that a man of courage stands by his convictions come what, come woe.

Mr. Meares' complimentary reference to Judge Pritchard frequently evoked applause and the orator of the evening was given a gracious and hearty welcome as he arose and began his speech.

At the conclusion of the address the audience was dismissed with the benediction by Rev. T. A. Smoot.

The members of the anti-saloon league are highly gratified at the auspicious opening of the campaign in this city, the attendance last night and the interest that was manifested having been a source of great pleasure to the members.

Judge and Mrs. Pritchard reached the city yesterday morning from Asheville and during the day, while guests at the Orton, several well known citizens and personal friends of the judge, called to pay their respects and to welcome the visitors to the city. Judge and Mrs. Pritchard will leave this morning for Durham, where another prohibition address will be delivered this afternoon.

Judge Pritchard spoke as follows:

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen: It is always a pleasure to be afforded an opportunity to visit the Cape Fear section, and I assure you I esteem it a great honor to be invited on this occasion to participate in the opening of the anti-saloon campaign in your city.

While I regret exceedingly that the legislature in its wisdom did not see fit to give us an unconditional prohibition law for state, nevertheless I appreciate the fact that we are to have an opportunity to vote on the question in the near future.

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